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The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D.C. 20505

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7 March 1985

National Intelligence Council

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: David B. Low
National Intelligence Officer at Large

SUBJECT: Intelligence Briefing for Presidential Chemical
Warfare Commission (U)

1. On 7 February the Deputy Secretary of Defense wrote you to describe the new Presidential "Chemical Warfare Review Commission" whose purpose is to review national policy and programs for deterring chemical warfare. Your response of 19 February assured Mr. Taft that the Intelligence Community would provide support where requested and appropriate.

2. We have now been given an agenda for the briefings and considerations of the Commission (see attached). The agenda is an ambitious one, including an initial statement by the President or Vice President, statements by senior officials of the Defense Department, a Congressional briefing, tutorial sessions on the nature of chemical warfare, an intelligence briefing, and field trips. They have not yet lined up all of these principals--this is their wish list.

3. There is scheduled for Wednesday, 13 March 1985, an all-day intelligence briefing in Room 3E267 of the Pentagon. (See detailed agenda for the intelligence briefing also attached.) Your presence has been requested to introduce the session. My proposal would be that we prepare a brief introduction and overview of about 5 minutes for you on Intelligence Community work on the CW issue and the Soviet program in particular. You could then leave and we could proceed with the rest of the schedule. If you cannot make it, I will give the opening statement as your representative.

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4. We do not yet know the full makeup of the Commission. We know that it is to be chaired by Ambassador Stoessel and is intended to be bipartisan. We understand that it will include Alexander Haig, Barber Conable, Richard Cavazos (Retired Army four-star general), and Zbigniew Brzezinski.

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On the other hand, DOD would certainly like to have you attest to the nature of the CW threat posed by the Soviet Union.



David B. Low

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TASK 1

(OPEN MEETING DAY - MULTIPLE LOCATIONS)

Day 1 - March 11, 1985

OPENING SECTION

0830-0900 Travel time to initial briefing site

0900-0915 Charge to the Commission. Background in formulation of the Chemical Warfare Review Commission (CWRC) (President) (If President unavailable, Vice President Bush)

0915-0945 Travel time to next briefing site

0945-1045 Opening Statement. Administration position on Chemical Warfare.

- Secretary of Defense (Weinberger) - 10 min
- Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff (GEN Vessey) - 10 min
- Secretary of the Army (Marsh) - 10 min
- DoD Negotiation Policy/Position (Ikle/Feith) - 10 min

1045-1115 Travel time to next briefing site

1115-1245 Congressional Perspective. The sense of the Congress in writing Section 1511 of PL 98-525. (Senator John Warner - 45 minutes) (Congressman Sam Stratton - 45 minutes)

1245-1315 Travel time to MATOMIC Building

1315-1445 Executive Session/Working Luncheon. Receive guidance and tasks from the Commission Chairman. (Chairman)

TUTORIAL SECTION

1445-1545 Protective Clothing and Masks. Commission will be fitted-out with protective masks and clothing. Instruction will be given on how to perform selected, basic, soldier skills while in Mission Oriented Protective Posture (MOPP-4) (Photographer present)

(CLOSED MEETING DAY - MULTIPLE LOCATIONS)

Day 2 - March 12, 1985

TUTORIAL SECTION (Continued)

0830-1100 What is Chemical Warfare. (Closed) The nature of chemical agents and munitions, their use and effects on the battlefield, degradation incurred and countermeasures required resulting from their employment and current tactical defensive and retaliatory capability. (Representatives from Army (Major General Nord - 1½ hours), Navy (Admiral Brown - 30 min), and Air Force (Brigadier General Durkin - 30 min))

1100-1200 Panel Discussion. (Closed) Question and answer session

1200-1300 Lunch.

1300-1330 Travel time to (next) briefing site

1330-1800 National Policy Dealing with Chemical Warfare.
The principles and roles of deterrence. The context of deterrence; conventional, chemical and nuclear.

- Overview (Robert C. McFarlane, National Security Advisor to the President - 30 min)
- DoD Position - Richard Perle, 1 hour.
- U.S. and NATO (State Department, 1 hour)
- Arms Control (Kenneth Adelman, Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, 1 hour) Former U.S. Ambassador to the Conference on Disarmament, Louis Fields 15 min.

1800-1830 Travel time to return to MATOMIC Building

(CLOSED MEETING DAY)

Day 3 - March 13, 1985

TUTORIAL SECTION (Continued)

0730-0800 Travel time to Briefing site

0815-1615 The Threat We Face. (Closed Meeting) Tactical and Strategic threat posed by Warsaw Pact and other country capabilities - current and projected (Coordinated by Mr. David Low National Intelligence Officer, Office of the Director of Central Intelligence)) (Including lunch)

- Overview and perspective (William Casey, Director Central Intelligence Agency - 1 hour) (C)

- Defense Intelligence Agency (Lieutenant General Williams, Director - 1 hour) (C)

- Army Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence (General Odom - 1 hour) (C)

- Dr. Allen S. Rehm, "Soviet Capabilities and Doctrine for Chemical Warfare" - 30 min (U)

- Yossef Bodansky "Soviet Chemical Warfare Doctrine and Operational Art" - 45 min (U)

- Central Intelligence Agency - "Threat posed by Other Nations" - 30 min (C)

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- Iraq/Iran. Report on the March 26, 1984 UN verification trip. (Dr. Peter Dunn - Australia - a proposed 1 hour video tape is being prepared) (U)

1615-1645 Travel time to MATOMIC building

(OPEN/CLOSED MEETING DAY)

Day 4 - March 14, 1985

PERSPECTIVES SECTION

0830-1230 Policy Implications of Alternative U.S. Force postures
and National Policies. (OPEN MEETING)

(J. Perry Robinson - 30 min)
(Col (Retired) Charles H. Bay - 30 min)
(Amoretta M. Hoeber - 30 min)
(Matthew Meselson - 30 min)

Panel Discussion, adding as participants; Doug
Feith, Fred Ikle, Richard Perle and Saul Hormats
(2 hours)

1230-1300 Travel time to briefing site.

1300-1400 Lunch

1400-1730- Military Perspective. (CLOSED MEETING)

- Balance of Forces (General Vessey, Chairman, Joint
Chiefs of Staff)

- The impact of chemical warfare on Mission
Accomplishment (Commander in Chief, Central Command)

- The imbalance of chemical capabilities and its
impact on current military policy and future war
planning. The capability of meeting the CW threat
with conventional and nuclear forces (Office of the
Joint Chiefs of Staff)

1730-1800 Travel time to MATOMIC Building

(OPEN/CLOSED MEETING)

Day 5 - March 15, 1985

PERSPECTIVES SECTION (Continued)

0800-0930 History of Chemical Warfare. (Open Meeting) Brief history of chemical warfare use; when deterrence worked/failed; World War I, Ethiopia, World War II, Yemen, Vietnam, Afghanistan, Laos, Kampuchea and Iran/Iraq War.

- World War I (Mrs. Gay Hammerman) (20 min) including questions and answers
- World War II (Professor John Ellis Van Courtland Moon) (30 min) including questions and answers
- Post World War II (Mrs. Amoretta Hoeber, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Research Development and Systems) (40 min) including questions and answers

0930-1000 Travel time to Briefing Site

1000-1100 Future Implications of Technology on the Issue.
(Closed Meeting)
Possibility of new and emerging technology to significantly influence defensive and retaliatory capabilities in the near term. (Dr. John Deutch, Provost, Massachusetts Institute of Technology) Research & Development Center.

1100-1230 Lunch.

1230-1300 Travel time to briefing site

1300-1600 Impact of U.S. Chemical Warfare policy on relationships with other countries. (Closed Meeting)

- France - 45 min
- Republic of South Korea - 45 min
- Israel - 45 min
- United Arab Republic of Egypt - 45 min

1600-1630 Travel time to Matomic Building

(CLOSED MEETING DAY)

Day 6 - March 18, 1985

PREPARATION FOR EUROPEAN TRIP (Closed Meeting)

0830-0900 Travel time to briefing site.
0900-1030 State Department briefing on European trip (State)
1030-1100 Travel time to return to MATOMIC Building
1100-1630 Open Time

FIELD TRIP TO SERVICE LOCATIONS

1630-1715 Travel time to Andrews Air Force Base
1715-1845 Air Travel to Ft. Polk, LA
1845-1930 Open Time
1930-2130 Dinner and Introduction to Ft. Polk, LA

(OPEN MEETING DEPENDENT ON OPERATIONAL CONSTRAINTS)

Day 7 - March 19, 1985

TUTORIAL SECTION

0900	<u>Observation and Participation in Field Training.</u> Observe and experience the peculiarities and debilitating effects of chemical warfare on Army operations. (Army) (Note: Will include individual, small unit and up to Division level (map exercise) that demonstrate effects: casualties, debilitation, restrictions in space and time (delay, disrupt, and deflect))
1530	Air travel time to Navy Installation (Either Puerto Rico, Roosevelt Roads; or Charlestown, SC; the Commission members will be able to visit a carrier, at sea, from one of these locations.)
1700	Open time
TBD	Dinner and Introduction to the Navy installation

(OPEN MEETING DEPENDENT ON OPERATIONAL CONSTRAINTS)

Day 8 - March 20, 1985

TUTORIAL SECTION (Continued)

0900	<u>Observation and Participation in Naval Operations.</u> Observe and experience the peculiarities and debilitating effects of Chemical Warfare on Naval seaborne operations
1430	Air travel time to Naval installation
1500	Air travel time to Naval Air Station Norfolk, VA
1700	Open time
1800	Dinner and introduction to Marine amphibious operations

(OPEN MEETING DEPENDENT ON OPERATIONAL CONSTRAINTS)

Day 9 - March 21, 1985

TUTORIAL SECTION (Continued)

0900	<u>Observation and Participation in Marine Operations.</u> Observe and experience the peculiarities and debilitating effects of Chemical Warfare on Marine operations.
1430-1530	Air travel time to Andrews Air Force Base
1530-1630	<u>F-4 Rearm/Refuel Demonstration.</u> (Andrews AFB, VA)
1630-1700	Travel time to MATOMIC Building

Draft Agenda

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INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING

0830 - 0835	Introductory Remarks	
0840 - 0845	Overview of the Agenda by David B. Low National Intelligence Officer at Large	
0845 - 0915	Soviet CW Production and Stockpile <div style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 189px; height: 27px; vertical-align: middle;"></div> CIA	25X1
0915 - 0930	Questions	
0930 - 0950	Soviet CW Delivery Systems and Protective Capabilities Lt.Col. Roland Fletcher, Office of the Army Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence	
0950 - 1000	Break	
1000 - 1025	Soviet CW Force Structure and Training <div style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 211px; height: 21px; vertical-align: middle;"></div> Defense Intelligence Agency	25X1
1025 - 1100	Soviet Research and Development and Testing Lt.Col. Roland Fletcher, Army/OACSI <div style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 206px; height: 26px; vertical-align: middle;"></div> CIA	25X1
1100 - 1110	Questions	

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1110 - 1130 Soviet CW Policy and Doctrine

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1130 - 1200 Questions and Discussion

1200 - 1330 Working Lunch with:

Mr. Robert Gates, DDI (if available)

Lieutenant General Williams, Director, DIA

Major General Odom, Army Assistant Chief of
Staff for Intelligence

1330 - 1415 Soviet Use, Iraq and CW Proliferation

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1415 - 1430 Questions and Wrap-up

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